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TAGS: UNIDO PFOR CU US (HARMON, ELSIE F.)

SUBJ: UNIDO - U.S. EXPERT UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR
CUBAN MISSION

REF: STATE 017159

1. REFTEL REPORTED EO 10422 CLEARANCE FOR MISS HARMON FOR THREE MONTH ASSIGNMENT AS EXPERT IN MANUFACTURE AND DESIGN OF PRINTED CIRCUIT BOARDS, A UNDP-FINANCED, UNIDO-ADMINISTERED PROJECT IN CUBA. WE NOTE MISS HARMON'S PROSPECTIVE ASSIGNMENT WAS ALSO SUBJECT OF JAN 4, 1974 LETTER FROM H TO REPRESENTATIVE CLAWSON, WHEREIN DIFFICULTIES FORESEEN IN APPROVING PASSPORT VALIDATION FOR MISS HARMON.

2. FOR DEPARTMENT'S BACKGROUND, MISS HARMON'S CANDIDACY FOR POST RESULTED FROM PERSONAL INITIATIVE OF AUSTRALIAN SECRETARIAT MEMBER OVERSEEING PROJECT. HE WROTE AMERICAN PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION DIRECTLY INVITING NAMES OF AMERICAN EXPERTS SUITABLY QUALIFIED; REPLY SUGGESTED MISS HARMON. AFTER FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE LEADING TO SUBMISSION HER C.V. HE RECOMMENDED HER TO UNIDO PERSONNEL FOR THE POST. IN MEANTIME RUSSIAN PERSONNEL OFFICER HAD IN NOVEMBER SUBMITTED NOMINATION OF USSR EXPERT TO GOC. O/A JAN 10 MISS HARMON WAS NOMINATED TO GOC, WHICH HAS NOT YET REPLIED.

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3. WE HAVE ASKED DISCREET SECRETARIAT MEMBER INFORM US

PROMPTLY WHEN GOC DECISION ON CANDIDATES FOR THIS
POST RECEIVED. WE RECALL SUDDEN GOVERNMENT OF YEMEN
INTEREST IN AMERICAN EXPERTS SHORTLY BEFORE RESUMPTION
DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH US OCCURRED, AND CALL ATTENTION
TO POSSIBILITY THAT FAVORABLE GOC DETERMINATION MIGHT
CONSTITUTE ANALGOUS SIGNAL. IF MISS HARMON APPROVED BY
GOC BUT DEPARTMENT NEVERTHELESS WISHES MAINTAIN PAST PRACTICE
RE US NATIONALS AND CUBA, WE ASSUME WE SHALL BE INSTRUCTED
APPROPRIATELY.STIBRAVY

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